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1. AS AMONG ALTERNATIVE DATES GIVEN PARA 3 REFTTEL, ESPEROU WOULD BE AGREEABLE MEET MARCH 29-31. DOES DEPT. ENVISAGE TALKS TAKING PLACE PARIS OR WASHINGTON? EITHER WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ESPEROU. AS FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF MOU BEYOND PRESENT EXPIRATION DATE OF FEBRUARY 29, ESPEROU QUESTIONED WHETHER FORMAL EXTENSION, SAY TO END MARCH, WAS REALLY NECESSARY. THOUGH WE STRESSED THAT FORM SHOULD BE RESPECTED AND MOU SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO LAPSE, ESPEROU PERSISTED IN BELIEF FORMAL EXTENSION WAS UNNECESSARY BOTHER AND HE NOTED THERE WAS SOME PRECEDENT FOR THIS ELSEWHERE IN ECAC. (COMMENT: WE DON'T THINK ESPEROU HAS ANY ULTERIOR MOTIVES IN THIS

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REGARD NOR DO WE KNOW IF THIS IS HIS LAST WORD.

IF DEPT. WISHES US TO PRESS HIM FURTHER ON THIS POINT, WE MIGHT GET SOME SUPPORT FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. INCIDENTALLY, FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE COMPLETING EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR EXTENSION OF MOU TO FEB. 29 HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED, BUT WE ARE ASSURED IT IS ENROUTE. IT IS BACKDATED TO DEC. 31.)

2. ECAC DGCA'S AT THEIR MEETING JAN. 27 WERE ABLE FOCUS ON POINTS WE HAD CONVEYED INFORMALLY TO DOZ PURSUANT PARA 4 REFTEL. DOZ INFORMED US JAN. 29 THAT ECAC WAS NO LONGER INSISTING ON MARCH 16-17 MEETING FOR THE VERY GOOD REASON THAT ECAC ITSELF WOULD NOT BE READY BY THOSE DATES. SNAGS HAD DEVELOPED IN SECURING AGREEMENT AMONG ECAC MEMBER STATES ON THEIR TEXT OF A DRAFT MULTILATERAL CHARTER AGREEMENT. THIS HAD BEEN MAIN TOPIC DISCUSSED AT DGCA MEETING. MORE WORK WOULD BE REQUIRED AND AT THIS STAGE ECAC WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE DATES, THOUGH MAY 19-21 WAS A POSSIBILITY. WHILE NOTHING WAS YET FIRM DOZ SUGGESTED THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT WANT TENTATIVELY AT LEAST TO RESERVE ABOVE DATES. DOZ NOTED THAT CANADIANS HAD ALSO INFORMED ECAC THEY TOO PREFERRED TRILATERAL MEETING TO BE IN MAY OR JUNE AND HE ASSUMED THAT WASHINGTON WAS AWARE OF CANADIAN VIEWS. TRILATERAL MEETING IN JUNE WAS DEFINITELY EXCLUDED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF ECAC TRIENNIAL SESSION TO BE HELD STRASBOURG JUNE 21-26. (DOZ SAID INVITATIONS TO TRIENNIAL SESSION HAD BEEN SENT OUT THROUGH ICAO A WEEK AGO AND SHOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.)
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